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Please consider what the world would be like if there were only one automobile manufacturer that owned all the steel mills, one oil company that owned all the refineries and one grocery store that owned all the farms.

The same applies to one PC applications developer that owns the operating system. Microsoft broke the law and should be punished for it. It is a good solution to split the company into two entities. One for applications and one for operating systems. Not unlike United Technologies. You didn't let them build the engines and the airplanes to use in their airline company. Microsoft should not be able to build the applications that use their operating system.

This will not cause Microsoft any real grief. It will only make them compete in the marketplace like everyone else.

Sincerely,
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